

with telephone service in tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of Panchayats in rural area connected with communications facility so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) All Villages of the country are to be provided with at least one Village Public Telephone and Panchayats will automatically get covered under this policy.

(b) Total 19226 Panchayat Villages have been provided with telephone facility in Madhya Pradesh. District-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement.

STATEMENT

District-wise details of gram panchayats with telephone facilities.

S.No.	Name of District	Total No. of villages
1	2	3
1.	Balaghat	464
2.	Bastar	673
3	Betul	475
4.	Bhind	315
5.	Bhopal	127
6.	Bilaspur	907
7.	Chhatarpur	339
8.	Chhindwara	650
9.	Damoh	303
10	Datia	154
11.	Debas	430
12.	Dhar	348
13.	Durg	446
14.	Guna	512
15.	Gwalior	258
16.	Hoshangabad	412
17.	Indore	272
18.	Jabalpur	678
19.	Jhabua	33
20.	Khandwa	534
21.	Khargon	744
22.	Mandla	659
23.	Mandsaur	528
24.	Morena	635
25.	Narsinghpur	365
26.	Panna	159
27.	Raigarh	721
28.	Raipur	1025

1	2	3
29	Raisen	489
30.	Rajgarh	426
31	Rajnandgaon	379
32.	Ratlam	218
33.	Rewa	348
34	Sagar	547
35	Sarguja	299
36.	Satna	331
37.	Sehore	302
38.	Seoni	389
39.	Shahdol	384
40.	Shajapur	456
41.	Shivpur	440
42.	Sidhi	271
43	Tikamgarh	254
44.	Ujjain	387
45.	Vidisha	378
Total		19226

Dilapidated Communication System in Sambal

2055. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether communication system of Sambal is in a dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the number of complaints/representation received in this regard; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir, some representations have, however, been received about replacement of the electromechanical exchange by an electronic exchange.

(c) It is planned to replace the existing electromechanical exchange by an electronic exchange, during the current financial year.

[English]

Airlines Expansion

2056. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Airline expansion may lead to traffic chaos in skies" appearing in the Financial Express dated October 1, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private airlines are keen to induct more planes and the expansion of fleet by private airlines is going to create congestion in the skies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The news-item reports that the growth in air traffic has led some of the private airlines to plan for acquiring more capacity.

(c) to (e). Induction of capacity and expansion of related infrastructure are on-going process. In order to ensure safety, security and orderly growth of air transport operations, keeping in view the availability of infrastructural facilities, and as per existing policy, addition of capacity is being permitted to the existing scheduled operators and new operators are allowed import of aircraft upto 50 seat capacity.

Stake in the Air Lanka

2057. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and the Air India are interested in the 40% stake in the Air Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) the manner in which the Air India and the Indian Airlines are likely to be get benefited as result of acquisition of stake in the Air Lanka particularly in view of their dismal performance in managing their own operation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Preparation of Tourism Plans

2058. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Governments have been asked to prepare perspective tourism Plans for the next 16 to 20 years;

(b) if so, the details of State which have prepared such plan and submitted to the Union Government for approval;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to make proper coordination so that those plans are cleared and also the funds made available; and

(d) the details of the schemes of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b). The following State Governments have prepared Master Plans for development of Tourism.

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| i) | Andhra Pradesh |
| ii) | Goa |
| iii) | Himachal Pradesh |
| iv) | Karnataka |
| v) | Kerala |
| vi) | Madhya Pradesh |
| vii) | Punjab |
| viii) | Rajasthan |
| ix) | Tamil Nadu |
| x) | Assam |
| xi) | Andaman and Nicobar |

(c) to (d). The Master Plans are intended to provide a comprehensive set of activities for the development of Tourism over a period of time and assign priorities for implementation by the respective State Governments. The Planning Commission, the State Government concerned and the Department of Tourism discuss the plan together. Funds for projects derived from the Master Plans are drawn from the Centre, State Governments and the Private Sector.

Development of Railway Stations

2059. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN :

PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Railway Stations modernised/expanded/Developed in Kerala during the last three years;

(b) the names of the Railway Stations which are being modernised/expanded/developed in Kerala and expenditure likely to be incurred thereon alongwith budgetary allocation and completion date thereof;

(c) the names of the Railway Stations proposed to be modernised/expanded in near future;

(d) whether Government are aware of the difficulties experienced by the passengers due to lack of facilities at Alleppey Railway Station; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Calicut, Ernakulam Jn, Tellicherry, Changanacherry, Chengannur, Pattambi, Trivandrum Central & Cannanore.

(b) Various development works have been taken up at Trichur, Ettumanur, Kayankulam Jn. and Chalakudi at